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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As stated above, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-7, for further prosecution, and respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction for the following reasons:

It is believed that the present invention is directed to a unitary inventive concept, namely, a method for changing rolls of tubular film. Moreover, it is believed that any search for Group II would necessarily include a search for Group I. Thus, a simultaneous search for all of the groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the groups. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications for the same invention does not serve to promote the public interest. This is because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent

application for the non-elected claims.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Requirement for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn. An action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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